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UN: PRESSURE IS DEVELOPING AT THE UN TO HAVE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE JARRING TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN SEEKING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

ACCORDING TO SENSITIVE STATE DEPARTMENT CABLES, ITALY IS URGING THAT THE US AND MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION SUGGEST TO SECRETARY GENERAL THANT A BROADENING OF JARRING'S APPROACH. BRITAIN'S PESSIMISM OVER WORSENING PROSPECTS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT HAS LED IT TO SUGGEST, DESPITE US OPPOSITION, THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND ONE FROM THE US, THE USSR, AND FRANCE MEET JOINTLY WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OR JARRING TO REQUEST THAT HE BECOME MORE ACTIVE. BOTH THE SOVIET AND FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INDICATED SOME INTEREST.

THE BRITISH CONTEND THAT IN A NEW INITIATIVE JARRING SHOULD MAKE HIS OWN PROPOSALS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH HE WOULD THEN PUT TO THE PARTIES. IN THE PAST, HE HAS ONLY SERVED AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR QUESTIONS ORIGINATING WITH THE DISPUTANTS.

THE ISRAELIS, WHO ALREADY FEEL THEMSELVES UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM WASHINGTON, HAVE SAID THAT THEY WILL OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT BY OTHERS TO CHANGE JARRING'S ROLE AS A FURTHER STEP TOWARD IMPOSING A SETTLEMENT. THEY HAVE THREATENED THAT SUCH AN EFFORT COULD RESULT IN THEIR CEASING TO COOPERATE WITH JARRING.

THE ARABS WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME JARRING'S BECOMING MORE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE SEARCH FOR AN "HONORABLE PEACE."

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